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Car Barn Murderers Pay the Penalty of Their Crimes on the Scaffold.

NEIDERMEIER THE FIRST ONE TO DIE

Attempted Suicide Weak from Loss of Blood and Has to Be Carried.

MURDERERS GO TO GALLOWS SEPARATELY

Original Plan Was to Dispose of Youthful Thugs at fame Time.

NEIDERMEIER SULLEN TO THE LAST

Mars and Van Dine Walk to Their Doom Repeating a Litany, After Passing a Sleep-

less Night.

CHICAGO, April 22.-Peter Niedermeier, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, the

Neldermeter was the first to die and his carry him to the scaffold. He was then him. placed in a chair and the drop sprung at hung and it was thought he slowly strangled to death.

Although it was first believed by the physicians that he was strangling, it developed that his neck had been broken. was pronounced dead and the body was

With execution so near as to be awaited by minutes, Peter Niedermeier, Gustav Mark and Harvey Van Dine, the car barn bandits, today after a practically sleepless night, prepared for the end. At first it was the intention of Sheriff Barrett to hang the trio simultaneously on one scaffold, as the anarchists were executed some years ago. The plan, however, was abandoned mainly on account of Niedermeier's attempt at suicide, which had left him in a weakened condition and made it ad-

visable that he should be hanged alone. A large crowd assembled at the jail pre ceding the hour of execution and sought admission, but were turned away. Only a limited number, provided by law! were allowed in the Jail to witness the execution of the bandits, whose careers-with Emil Roeski, imprisoned for life but a few days before-were closed at practically the same

#### Last Visitors to Condemned.

Niedermeier continued to reject all spiritual advice and it seemed that he would carry out his idea of dying an atheist. Whitman said Niedermeior would be able to walk to the gallows without assistance.

Marx and Van Dine, who had joined the Catholic faith recently, spent their last hours in reading, writing and praying, several nuns and priests being with them confine. His sweetheart was the last of his frice a permitted to visit him. It was announced that the men would be hanged separately, and in the following order: Niedermeier first, then Marx, and Van Dine

Attorneys for Van Dine were trying to see the governor to obtain a stay of execution for the bandit, the jailer said, and that was why consent was given to hang Van Dine last. It was regarded as unlikely, however, that the governor would interfere, as he has already refused clem-

Dr. McNamara, the jail physician, visited all three of the bandits and said their condition under the circumstances was all that could be expected. The death warrant was read to Niedermeler, and shortly after 10 o'clock the march to the scaffold began.

### Niedermeier Dies Salien.

Previous to the execution Niedermeier maintained the same sullen demeanor that has characterized him since he became a prisoner. While the death warrant was being read he snatched the document from the sheriff and stuck it in his pocket, makjail truck, then carried down a flight of stairs to the scaffold.

led to the scaffold repeating a litany after the clergy He made no statement. He appeared weak, but met death bravely.

Shortly after II o'clock Marx was lead to the scaffold. Neatly dressed and with a white rose as a boutoniere, which had been given him by his small sister the night before. He was pale, but his courcompanied him to the gallows. He refix, after which the jailer adjusted the noose and sprung the trap at 11:17. He was pronounced dead at 11:34, his neck

Harvey Van Dine was hanged a short interval after his companion Marx, a few days before a bitter enemy of Van Dine but the best of friends in their last hours

Incidents in Van Dine's execution were similar to those that characterized the execution of Marx. Like Marx, Van Dine was composed preceding his execution. With the Catholic priests who accompanied him Van Dine walked unfalteringly to the scaffold, attired neatly in black, like Marx. wearing a white waistcoat and a white Van Dine seemed to be even more calm than his companion Marx, who went to death shortly before. Van Dine made no statement of any kind while on the scaffold, but the prayer which he repeated with spiritual advisers was quite audible With Van Dine's lips still moving in prayer the trap was sprung at 11:55. His neck

Before Niedermeier was taken to the gallows he was asked if, like his companions, he wished to accept of the sacrament. He answered that he cared nothing for spiritual advice and wished no priest would follow him to the gallows.

When the drop fell the shroud about Niedermeier's body fell apart and to the onlookers was revealed for twenty minutes tery to surround Mistchenko, who retreated horrifying struggles of the desperate in good order.

The death of Mark and Van Dine was unaccompanied by any similar spectacle. A dramatic incident, however, preceded the execution of Mark and Van Dine, When the jailer entered Marx's room to give no tice to prepare for the end Marx said:

Van Dine was brought from his room a

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Legal Execution with Guns Takes Pince at the Salt Lake Penitentiary.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 22.-Frank Rose, the wife murderer, was shot to death in the yard of the state penitentiary here at 10:00 this morning. Death was instantaneous, four bullets lodging in or very close to his heart.

Rose was strapped to the same little wooden chair in which Peter Mortensen met his fate a few months ago. Five prison guards, concealed behind a heavy blue curtain in the doorway of the blacksmith shop, across the area, formed the executing squad. One of the rifles held a blank cartridge. Rose went to his death chair with the same coolness that had marked his conduct since he surrendered to the police.

The Herald says: Frank P. Rose, sentenced to be shot today for the murder of his wife last Christmas day, has confessed to other murders, said to number no less than ten. Rose declared he had spent the last fifteen years in committing successive crimes, varying from robbery to murder. Robbery was his first crime, according to his story. From that he launched into murders of every descripnotorious car barn bandits, and confessed killed men for a little money. Rose demurderers of eight men, were hanged here clared he had committed a murder in San by the secretary, particularly insofar as through Oklahoma City to Houston and Francisco, where he quarreted with a companion, who was working with him on irrigation enterprises. He said he was con- The Burlington is seeking a guif outlet manner of death was unusual. He was so the Santa Fe terminals, across the bay weak as the result of his attempt at sui- from the city. The man's body was found apply to these lands, but he did not want immense grain shipments which originate cide that the jail guards were forced to in the bay and Rose says he murdered them subject to the "private enterprise"

crimes, including murder.

he has furnished names and other de- who has not commenced actual occupation. Twenty minutes after the drop fell he gained general credence with the prison senate, would be wholly wiped out and only officials.

Rose said that in 1892 he was a member same would be entitled to an additional arrived at a decision to build its own line of the Dalton gang in Oklahoma for a three-quarters. time and took part in the robbery and murder of a number of "boomers." After leaving the Daltons he continued his operations as a member of the Starr gang. Rose said he served two years in the state is expected the senate conferees will be prison at Jefferson City, Mo., for larceny appointed tomorrow, Senator Dietrich in and embezziement.

#### UNION LABOR WINS VICTORY House of Commons Passes Second

Reading of Bill Permitting Picketing.

LONDON, April 22.-The House of Commons tonight passed the second reading by 288 to 199 votes, of the trades union amending the law of conspiracy in connecbers of such unions. The bill is the out- these lands and make rules and regulacome of the recent judgment of the court in tions governing the same the Taff Vale rallway case, in which the raflway men's union was mulcted in heavy damages for picketing and interfering with nonunionists.

Shipping Trade Not Good.

purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan when forming the shipping combine, issued a report today for the thirteen months ending with December. The directors say that even after drawing \$1,347,500 from the reserve it is only possible to pay the preferred master at Craig, Burt county, vice J. A. dividend for six months. This withdrawal reduces the reserve to \$225,000. The directors attribute this result to the epidemic of foot and mouth disease in New England last year, stopping shipments of live stock therefrom, and to the inadequacy of Atlan tic freights.

Australian Cabinet Resigns. MELBOURNE, April 22.-The federal

ministry has resigned. The resignation of the federal government was due to its defeat in the House of Representatives yesterday on a labor party amendment, making the bill providing for the arbitration of labor disputes applicable

## to state employes.

Hungarian Strikers Are Firm. BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 22.- The railroad strikers are now showing little disposition to return to work unless their demands for increased pay are conceded ing a sarcastic reference to his execution. Premier Tisza announced in the Diet today He was carried to one of the floors on a that as a result of the conference there appeared little prospect of a settlement.

#### Marx, accompanied by two priests, was DEEDS OF TRUST FOR BLAIR Valued at \$30,000 Each, but Parties Named in Instrument Deny

Knowledge of Them.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.-Three deeds trust, executed ten years ago by the age never left him while he stood on the Shrewsbury Park Land & Improvement scaffold. He made no statement. Two company to James L. Blair and William pricets of the Roman Catholic church, of Taussig, trustees, were filed for record towhich Mark had become a member, ac- day at Clayton. In accordance with the law the documents will be retained a year sted a litany with them, kissed a cruci- by the recorder and held open to the inspection of the public. The deeds are for \$30,000 each. Judge Seddon was named as the party of the second part. Judge Seddon and Mr. Taussig say they never before heard of the deeds. They were given to secure purchase money for twenty lots.

> KOUROPATKIN APPOINTS Mud so Deep at Review Men Rauled

Out With Ropes. LIAO YANG, April 22.-General Koure patkin has appointed as members of his staff Lieutenant General Sakharoff, com mander of the First Siberian army corps to be chief of staff; General Scabiolin, chief of communications, and General Gruber, chief of commissary. General Hol spehevnikoff has been placed in command of the rear guard. During a review of the troops by General Kouropatkin the mud was so thick that it was necessary to haul the men out of it with ropes, many of the

their clothing in the mire. The fight at Chengiu on March 25 was ever the possession of the height commanding the town. The Japanese infantry and General Mistchenko's Cossacks raced for the Kusen mountains, at which the Russians were first to arrive. The Russians swept the town, which was occupied by the Japanese, with bullets, but the Japanese addition to a force of cavalry, sent four regiments of infantry and a mountain but-

## Russia Would Borrow Money.

PARIS, April 22.—The European Econonist says, under reserve, that Russia is egotiating with the principal French banks for a loan of \$150,000,000 on 5 per cent four-year treasury bonds, to be placed at statement is not vertiled and appears based on yesterday's St. Petersburg reports, indicating that the Russian gov erument might resort to short term loans.

House and Senate Not of Same Mind on Its Prov sions.

EXPECT DIFFERENCES TO BE SETTLED

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, April 32 - (Special Telegram.)-Representative Kinkaid, when his bill permitting the taking of 640 acres of with senate amendments, moved to nonsentatives Lacey, Mondell and Lind being

appointed. Judge Kinkaid, in explaining his reasons for nonconcurring in the senate amend- yard. ments, said they conferred greater power on The Star says: The Burlington rallway certain lands might be held indefinitely for thence to tidewater at Galveston. tent to have the national irrigation law so as to be in better shape to handle the There is some doubt at the penitentiary to the rights of an entryman who has setabout the truth of Rose's confession, but tled upon a quarter section of land but those actually on the land and developing lng failed in this, it is now said to have

Kinkaid holds that not only occupants of sections should be treated the same in acquiring additional lands under his bill. It all probability being one of the number.

Rosebud Bill to Be Signed. Representative Burke and others of the South Dakota delegation have received assurances from President Roosevelt that he will sign the Rosebud bill tomorrow. The South Dakota delegation will be present to witness the president affixing his signature to the bill which they have labored so earnestly to put on the statute books. After the bill is signed the South Dakota bill, legalizing peaceful picketing and delegation will have a conference with the commissioner of the general land office tion with trade disputes, and protecting to discuss the details regarding the opening trades union funds against legal process of the new territory. Commissioner Richfor damage caused by the action of mem- ards will formulate a proclamation opening

No Land Law Repeal. There will be no repeal of the stone and timber culture law, as provided by the Quarles bill which passed the senate a few weeks ago. The house committee on public lands this morning decided by a vote of LIVERPOOL, April 22.-Frederick Ley-

Minor Matters at Capital. Representative McCarty today recommended George A. Blackburn for post-Clark, resigned. He also recommended the

reappointment of David Matthews as postmaster at Crofton, Knox county. Drs. W. E. Stewart, E. M. Stewart and A. H. Thomas were today appointed members of the new Board of Examining Surgcons for the pension bureau at Stratton

Captain Charles F. Bates, Twenty-fifth infantry, is relieved from duty at Fort Des Moines and will join his company at Fort

Reno, Okl. Postmasters appointed: Iowa - Halo Webster county, T. O. Apland, vice T. B. Apland, dead; Pickering, Marshall county, S. H. Hagen, vice P. Olson, resigned; Rath-

bun, Appanoose county, Alexander Middleton, vice J. M. Adler, resigned. Additional rural route ordered established May 16: Keota, Keokuk county, Ia.; route embraces an area of twenty-two square miles containing a population of 510.

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska-Coumbus, regular, G. M. Hall; substitute Amelia A. Hall; Gretna, regular, S. E. Shaffer; substitute, Harvey Arlington; L anon, regular, W. DeVoe; substitute, M. C. Stevens. West Point, regular, Alfred Greist; substitute, Eddie Greist. Iowa-Algona, regular, Albert Reed; substitute, Mrs. A. Reed. Belmond, regular, Charles Peterson; substitute, George Peterson Blairsburg, regular, Clarence E. Stoufer, substitute, Elmer Stoufer. Buffalo Center. regular, James A. Putnam; substitute, Edward E. Young. Clutter, regular, Herman F. Blocker; substitute, Louis A. Blocker Hillsdale, regular, Owen E. Miller; substitute, Clarence Loveland. Knoxville, regu lar, O. A. Beckley; substitute, B. M. Neal. St. Olaf, regular, Frank M. Perry; substitute, Edmyna Perry. South English, regu lar, Leo A. Blaylock; substitute, J. H. Wenger. Toledo, regular, Maxey M. Davis substitute, Annie M. Davis. Walnut, regulars, John H. Dreyer, Isaac N. Kite; substitutes, John Gibbons, Nettle E. Kite Woodburn, regular, Harry Lowman; substitute, Thomas F. Lowman. South Da kota-Big Stone, regular, Henry R. Aldrich; substitute, W. Vonescheu.

THINK JAPS ARE ON THE BALTIC Strange Craft Seen and Russia Fear

for Northern Pleet. CHICAGO, April 22.- A special cable the Duily News from Stockholm says that it is reported in responsible quarters that certain strange craft, said to be Japanese of Sweden. They were last seen off the fortified harbor of Farosund in the island of Gottland in the center of the Baltic sea It is reported that the St. Petersburg ausoldiers losing their shoes and parts of thorities have been advised of the matter and are alarmed for the safety of the Baltic ficet.

PLOATING MINES THREATEN SHIPS Several Seen in Route Pursued by

Merchant Vessels. TIEN TSIN, April 22-Floating mines

have been seen off the Shan Tung promon tory in the much-used fairway followed by vessels bound to and from Shanghai and Chee Foo and Tien Tain and other northern ports. This is extremely dangerous to ship ping and probably will cause an increase in

### Ships Have Been Secured. PARIS, April 22-A dispatch to the

l'emps from St. Petersburg says the malities of the purchase of three Argentine warships of the type of the Garibaldi, constructed at Genoa, appear to be settled. nial of the charge,

# HANG THREE BANDITS FRANK ROSE SHOT TO DEATH CONFER ON KINKAID'S BILL PROPOSED RAILROAD CHANGES DOUGLAS COUNTY PRIMARIES

Burlington to Reach Out for Gulf and Santa Fe to Tap Red-

wood Forests. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 -E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific,

and his party arrived in this city today from southern California. From here it is expected the party will make trips over Congressional Chairman Calls Conventhe local portions of the system and return east by way of the Lucin cutoff. President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe system is also in the city, having come from Santa Barbara to consult with his engineer regarding the proposed new road to Eureks, which will tap the Redwood forests.

KANSAS CITY, April 22.-The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe rallway has completed land as a homestead in certain sections of arrangements for improving its freight ter-Nebraska was reported to the house today, minals and will within the next seven months spend \$250,000. This road now has concur and asked for a conference, Repre- sixty-seven miles of terminal tracks in Kansas City. This will be increased to for district delegates to the national comninety-seven miles. The additional mileage will include a large gravity switching

the secretary of the interior than had been system is to be extended from Kansas City contemplated by his bill; that words had to the Gulf of Mexico if plans now under been added in the senate amendments consideration by its owners and chief offition, and related instances where he had which would defeat the purposes of the cers are carried out. It is proposed to measure if they were taken advantage of run the new line south from Kansas City

on its lines in the northwest. A part of feature introduced by the senate. Judge the plan is to make Kansas City an im-In St. Louis, according to Rose's con- Kinkaid is hopeful of an agreement be- portant storage and transfer system for 10:35. His body moved convulsively as he fession, he was guilty of a number of tween the two houses, particularly in regard to irrigable lands, and also in regard will be built on the 250 ocres owned by the Burlington in Clay county, Missouri. For several years the Burlington has been negotiating with existing gulf lines to talls to such a degree that his story has These, according to the amendment of the secure a lease or irackage arrangement from Kansas City to sait water, but, hav-

## land, but those who have filed on quarter DENIES KANSAS CITY STORY

Kansas City Official Says Dutch Security Rolders Do Not Control Company.

from Kansas City south.

NEW YORK, April 22.- The following authoritative statement has been issued concerning the recent meeting of the directors of the Kansas City Southern Railway company:

Mr. George J. Gould did not retire as vice president at the request of the Dutch or other stockholders. On the contrary, Mr. Gould at the directors' meeting a year ago expressed his desire to retire from the vice presidency and in the course of the year repeated his wish to that effect, as he could not possibly give proper attention to the duties of the office, and it was solely upon his own insistence that he was not re-elected. The company will still have the benefit of his valuable cooperation and advice as a member of the executive committee.

Mr. Max Pam has not retired as an official of the company. The president, desiring to have that part of the legal department relating to the operation of the railroad in direct contact with him at Kansas City, the office of general counsel was abolished and the office of consulting counsel created. Mr. Pam was thereupon elected consulting counsel. There is no change in his relationship to the company except as aforesaid.

Mr. Sielcken was not elected vice president of the Kansas City Southern Rail-way company at the request of the Dutch

Mr. Stelcken was not elected vice president of the Kansas City Southern Railway company at the request of the Dutch holders of scourities, but upon the suggestion of Mr. Harriman. There is no controversy or conflict con-cerning the property between the present management and the holders of the vot-ing trust certificates, whether Hollanders or otherwise. No complaint or dissatisfac-tion has been expressed by anybody au-thorized to speak in favor of the Dutch holders.

ors, e subject of making a supplemental issue at this time to acquire and for new extensions and equipment been under discussion for some time. The matter was fully investigated and con-sidered, and at the meeting the president ported that the company was in a posi-on to dispense with the making of any dittional bond issue for the present, in hich conclusion the directors unani-

which conclusion the directors unani-mously concurred.

The voting trust continues in force until April, 1905, and the voting trustees are: Louis Fitzgerald, John W. Gates, George J. Gould, E. H. Harriman, Otto H. Kahn, Herman Sielcken and James Stillman.

### ELEPHANT DELAYS TRAFFIC

Animal Jumps from Freight Car and Has to Be Lifted with Jackscrews.

EAST ST. LOUIS, April 22 .- An elephant nroute to the World's fair, that threw tself half out of a box car in an effort to at Fraternity hall in The Bee building secure its liberty and then stubbornly refused to get back into the car, caused a and the roll was called. Several vacanotes spension of business on a railroad for five hours, east of here teday. The freight lows: W. G. Whitmore of Valley in place train had stopped. In some way the car of John L. Yeager; John Kowaletsky in door swung open and the elephant jumped the Fourth district of the Beventh ward Heavy chains prevented the beast from throwing its body entirely out. The the Second of the Ninth for John keeper could not induce the elephant to Campbell, and J. F. Miller in the Sixth back into the car and also refused to unchain the beast. A crowd of men endeavored to lift the elephant back into the car and failed. The railroad men finally placed jackscrews under the bulky body and in that way placed the elephant back into the car, and traffic was resumed.

#### LINCOLN WIDOW GETS PRIZE Boats Two Other Candidates Matrimonial Bureau Husband.

STERLING, Ili., April 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Henry Argus of New Bedford advertised for a wife in a matrimonial agency and on Wednesday three women, one widow, another a grass widow and the third, a maid of 40, appeared to claim him. Elsie King, the widow, journeyed from Lincoln, Neb., to have a home for herself and five children. The two others arrived an hour later. They immediately became submarines, are hovering on the east coast indignant at Argus for preferring the first arrival. The grass widow and the maid, after vowing vengeance, left town. They refused to give their names and they dined at a cheap lunch counter so that they would not be compelled to register at the village inn.

#### PREACHER PRAYS IN COURT Illinois Minister Offers Public Thank for Acquittal of

His Son.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. April El-In the circuit court room today, Rev. J. C. Sef-ton, paster of the Presbyterian church at Troy, Ill., publicly offered prayer of thanks when his son was acquitted of a charge of grand larceny. Then the minister em-braced each member of the jury that had returned the verdict, and with streaming eyes embraced his son and led the court room.

The son, Frank Sefton, had been acco of stealing jewelry from a jewelry store in Troy. His defense was an absolute de-

Republican Committee Issues Call for the Selection of Delegates.

BLACKBURN'S TACTICS CAUSE DELAY

tion at Lincoln to Select Na-

tional Delegates and "to Do

No Other Bustness," The republican county central committee yesterday afternoon by a vote of almost two to one decided to elect eighty-sever delegates to the state convention by direct primaries on May 13, the same delegates to act in a similar capacity in the congres-

sional convention. Under the rules adopted the names of candidates for congress and mittee are to be submitted to the voters the men receiving the highest number of votes in the county to be nominated by the convention. The resolution embodying this plan was ntroduced by Victor Rosewater, who explained that it was not his work alone, but

that of others as well. After a test vote had shown how the committee felt there was no trouble in adopting the plan. The dilatory congressional committee was ignored altogether and propositions to wait upon it with a conference committee were rejected. Not until after the meeting did Chairman Blackburn of the congressional mmittee, who is a member also of the SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS ounty committee, unfold the fact that the congressional committee had been called to meet at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon,

Rules for the Primaries. The Douglas county primaries for the state and congressional conventions will be held under these rules:

A primary election of the republican voters of Douglas county is hereby called for Friday, May 13, 1904, to select eighty-seven delegates to represent Douglas county in state convention at Lincoln, May 18, pursuant to the call of the state committee. The delegates as chosen shall select the call of the state committee.

each candidate for national delegate, \$20 for each candidate for delegate \$1. Candidates for the support of the delegation may withdraw up to five days before he primary by request in writing, but rees shall be refunded. For this primary the primary election districts shall correspond in the cts shall correspond in the country acts with the voting districts; in the

cincts with the voting districts; in the city of South Omaha with the boundaries of said city, and in the city of Omaha with the respective wards, excepting the Sixth ward. In which there shall be two primary voting districts made up: First, of the First Second, Fourth and Fifth election precincts and Second, of the Third. Sixth, Seventh Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh districts. The polls for said primaries shall be open in the cities of Omaha and South Omaha from 12 o'clock noon to 7 p. m., and in the country precincts from 7 p. m. to 9

In the country precises in the conducted in all other respects subject to the rules already adopted by the committee governing primary elections, excepting insofar as in conflict with this call, in which parts they are hereby suspended insofar as they apply to this primary election.

The vote of said primary shall be canvassed by the executive committee at the meet publican country committee at the meet and at a colock p. m. Monday

vassed by the executive committee of the republican county committee at the meeting to be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday. May 16, and the results officially declared on the vote of preference for candidates for congress and for national delegates, and certificates of election issued to the successful candidates for delegates to state and congressional conventions.

Routine of the Meeting. Nearly the entire committee was presen when Chairman Cowell rapped for order caused by removals, were filled as folvice M. S. Bouma; Carl E. Herring in of the First vice Joseph Guggenmoss. Upon the suggestion of Victor Ros water Congressional Candidates Breen and Burbank, who were the only aspirants present, were called upon to explain their preferences in the matter of the congressional convention. Both agreed that the county committee should not take independent action with regard to delegates but should appoint a committee to confer with the congressional committee. Mr Breen remarked incidentally that he did not believe a republican could be elected

to congress this fall unless members of the party hung together. J. R. Wilson of Sarpy county, who has been endorsed by the republicans there for commissioner of public lands and buildings, made a speech in his own be half, saying nothing about the congres mional controversy.

Blackburn States Position.

In reply to a question from Joseph Blackburn said that his committee claimed the right to control the congressional primaries in its district, and while seeking no controversy would resent any attempt to dictate how many or in what manner the delegates are to be elected. In connection with a letter which Mr

Blackburn had written to him asking for a conference, Chairman Cowell declared that persons had been circulating the report that he was being controlled in his actions by Edward Rosewater. This. he said, was untrue and uncalled for. Victor Rosewater said that the right

the congressional committee to call the convention when it saw fit was conceded. but that the right to discriminate against any single county of the district was not. He pointed out the fact that Sarpy ounty had and Washington county was doing yesterday afternoon precisely what he wished the county committee to do that is to arrange for delegates to the congressional convention. Neither of two other county committees had sent con ference committees to Mr. Blackburn and he thought that Douglas county should follow the precedent set by the two other

### THE BEE BULLETIN

Showers Saturday; colder in south west portion; Sunday, fair and colder in east portion.

1 Three Car Barn Bandits Are Hung Kinkaid Bill Conference.

Donglas County Primaries Called.

Latest News from Seat of War. German Sees Peril If Japan Wins Panama Canal Contract is Signed 3 News from Over Nebraska.

4 Stickney in Entitled to Street.

5 Army Officer Spy Among Filipinos 6 Story, "An Unwilling Diplomat." Wireless Telegraph Differences, Mormon Marriages Were Secret. Insists Fiscal Policy is Sound.

Nebraskan Pays Tribute to Morton Battle Over Corporation Fees, Comparing Trades and Profession 10 Editorial.

11 Nebraska Grain Rate War Settled Booth-Tucker Talks on Sociology 12 Sporting Events of the Day.

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#### Skirmishing on the Yalu, but No Confirmation of the Battle.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, April 23.-(New York Herald Service-Special Telegram to The Russian side of the river under the pro-Bee.)-With the Japanese concentrated at tection of two guns. Wiju and the Russians, after skirmishing

derable interest has been aroused here by an extraordinary article in the Novoe Vremya in which reference is made to the possible conclusion of an Anglo. Russo-French alliance. If there was any truth in this it would, of course, indicate that Russia was already considering the question of peace. However, it is re-

garded here as morely a balon d' essat. A statement in the Cvet to the effect that it may devolve upon the powers to enforce the neutrality of China and suggesting that Germany should take the initiative in proposing this measure meets with energetic protests here. The Vossi-

sche Zeitung declares: "Of all the powers, Germany has the least reason to place itself at the disposal of the caar's government, that especially as it is known that France shows the greatest disinclination to assume the role

proposed for Germany." The journal denies that the presence of foreign instructors in the Chinese army is a breach of neutrality, and no power can object if China protects its frontiers. If Germany is foolish enough to assume the role proposed, it is now laying itself open to another diplomatic defeat.

### RUSSIA SCOFFS AT A SETTLEMENT Would Never Consent to Japan Keep-

ing Cores. (Copyright 1904 by New York Herald Co.) BT. PETERBBURG, April 22.-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram The Bee.)-Ideas apparently started Paris of the possibility of an arrangement being reached after a first engagement on land, supposing Russia victorious, upon condition of Japan retaining Corea and Russia keeping Manchuria, are pure nonsense. Russia would never accept such

proposition. King Edward is reported to be the move of such an idea here. The king won golden opinions for high, calm chauviniam and anti-Russian sentiment in England, and thus prevented dangerously threatening in ternational complications, but King Edward would never think of offering intervention, which would meet with a prompt refusal. Nor was such action arranged recently in Copenhagen. What was settled there was the assured neutrality of Den mark, which is another blow to a German

#### GERMANY SELLS TORPEDO BOAT Takes Ingenious Tact to Avoid Breach

project recently given in the Herald.

of Neutrality. Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904 BERLIN, April 22-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee. Some sensation has been caused in Berift by a dispatch from a German agency to the effect that Germany has ceded to Rus sia certain torpedo boats building in private yards, which are on the point of completion. Eight of these, which are being built by the Schichan yard, are the largest torpedo bonts as yet constructed in Germany, being of 560 tong weight with ar

average speed of twenty-eight knots. In order to prevent a breach of neutral ity the German government has annulled its contract with the yard, leaving then to do as they please with the boats.

Japanese Officers Canght in Russia ARCHANGEL, Russia, April 22 .- Two Japanese spies have been arrested on th Russia, 302 miles from Mohowa, with pla in their possession of Archangel and the famous monastery on the Island of Sol vetsky, in the White sea,

# WIPE OUT JAP COLUMN

Reported Russians Have Destroyed Entire Command of Enemy on Yala.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATED IN WAR FORCE

Russian Scouts Exchange Shots with Brown Men on Pomakua River.

JAPS PREPARING TO CROSS THE RIVER

Force at Wiju Steadily Increasing and Pontoons Coming Up.

ALEXIEFF DETAILS SEA BATTLE EVENTS

Describes Movements in Front of Port Arthur Which Ends in Destruction of Petropavlevsk and Death of Makaroff.

LONDON, April 22.-At 7:60 p. m. a dispatch to the Central News from Port Arthur says news has been received there of the complete destruction of a Japanese column on the Yalu river. No details, it

Russiane Defeated on Valu. ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.-An official telegram says Russian scouting partles report that the Japanese are concentrated in considerable force with war material and pontoons at and around Wiju. Shots were exchanged south of the river Pomaku, where a Russian detachment of two officers and thirty-two men lost three killed and two officers and thirteen men wounded. The Russian force regained the

# Alexieff's Report of Battles.

Friday, May 12, 1804, to select eighty-seem delegates to represent Douglas county in state convention at Lincoln, May 18, purce the state committee. The delegate call of the state committee. The delegate call of the state committee of the state committee. The delegate call of the state committee the control of the Scool district. When that convention shall be called, and be authorised and instructed to cast the beautiful control of the state control of the state control of the state committee. The delegate called and be authorised and instructed to cast the state of votes apportioned to Loug the delayed.

For Arthur reports declared that a Japhanese column has been obliterated in an engagement on the Yalu, but there was no confirmation of the dispatch.

Carelessness on the part of the Russians at Port Arthur resulted in the explosional convention shall not later than ten days previous to the primary has name, together with his registration fees.

To own hereby request that my name (or our names) be placed upon the official phanes, the primary shall be control of the state of

ment returned to our bank of the river under the cover of two of our guns,' Pay the Price of Carelessness. Viceroy Alexieff's announcement of the destruction of a launch and the loss of twenty-one men by the explosion of a Russian mine at Port Arthur has added to the gloom which has prevalled since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

"We are paying the price of careless ness," said a member of the admiralty, "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing." The war commission suppressed part of the viceroy's dispatch which showed where

the mines were laying. It is believed that

as launches were employed they were min-

ing the entrance to the harbor in order to prevent the Japanese from forcing as entrance and attempting to destroy the remaining ships. It is evident from the closing of the entrance that Viceroy Alexieff has no intention of letting his ships go to sea even against an inferior force, though this may not be the policy of Vice Admiral

Skrydloff, who will determine on a plan

operation when he assumes Preparing to Cross the Yalu. LIAO YANG, April 22.-General Kouropatkin expects that the Japanese will soon attempt to cross the Yalu. The concentration of the enemy's force at Wiju has steadily progressed. Information brought by scouts and others shows that there is more than one division there and that pontoons are coming up, There was a skirmish yesterday opposite Wiju on an island which the Japanese occupied in order to pave the way for the laying of pontoons. Russian troops in boats were

verely wounded. Russians Eill Own Men. ST. PETERSBURG, April 21.-The cuar has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, bearing today's date: I respectfully report to your majesty that today during the placing of mines by some steam launches Lieutenant Peil and twenty men were killed through a mine exploding prematurely under the stern of one of the launches.

attacked and driven back, Captain

Schneighn, who was in command, being se-

ONLY SKIRMISHES ALONG YALL Report of Battle Sent from Seoul is

Erroncous. (Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) SEOUL, April 22.—(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bes.) -It appears that yesterday's rumor of a battle fought near the mouth of the Yalu was based on several small skirmishes. Russian scouting parties on the eastern coast are retiring northward. It is reported that Russians are gradually retiring from the vicinity of Amona toward Pong

AMERICAN NURSES AT YOKOHAMA Miss McGee and Party Receive Hearty Welcome.

(Copyright 1904 by New York Herald Co.) YOKOHAMA, April El.-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Miss MoGoe, a physician, and eight American nurses, arrived at Yokohama today. They received a very hearty welcome and the governor of Yokohama delivered an address.

RUSSIA DENIES GERMAN STORY

Says It Knows Nothing of Poreigners Arrested as Spics. ST. PETERSBURG, April 22-An Associated Press correspondent called the atten-

tion of the Foreign office here to the telegram of the Harbin correspondent of the Prankfurter Zeftung published yesterday to the United States to the effect that four unarmed American citisens were held as